

WALK IN THE LIGHT

1 John 1:5-9

A person's view of God dictates view of:

- _____ .
- Purity
- Relationships
- _____

1 John 1:5 ...*no darkness at all*. No trace of darkness in God at all.

Light speaks of

- Moral purity & _____ of life.
- Truth...God's way...intelligence...life...salvation.
- _____.

Findlay: *They had gods that could cheat and lie, gods that were licentious and unchaste, ...They had been accustomed to think of the godhead as a mixed nature, like their own, only on a larger scale ...good and evil, kind and cruel, pure and wanton, made of darkness and light.*

False views of sin and fellowship

I. Sin does not hinder fellowship... v.6 I can have fellowship with God and at the same time be practicing sin.

Gnostics: Claimed to have entered into a higher fellowship with God but in their actions they failed to take sin _____ .

Walk in darkness: have lifestyle outside light...living in _____ .

We lie and do not the truth. Committing a conscious, deliberate lie.

Boice: *orthodoxy of doctrine is not substitute for righteousness of _____* .

Stott: *Relationship without morality is an illusion. Sin is always a barrier to fellowship with God.*

Solution: 7... **Walk in the light:** No cover up. A consistent daily lifestyle of obedience to the light...the Word of God...the truth.

Wiersbe: Light produces life and growth and beauty, but sin is darkness; and darkness and light cannot exist in the same place. If we are walking in the light, the darkness has to go. If we are holding to sin, then the light goes. There is no middle ground, no vague "_____ " area, where sin is concerned.

A. First result of walking in the light: _____

Relationship based on something held in common. An active sharing of that which one has in common with others...oneness of spirit.

One of manifestations of walking in light is fellowship with brethren... fellowship one with another.

B. Second result of walking in the light: Continual _____

Cleanseth: present tense. ...repeated experience of cleansing from daily defilement of living

Positional sanctification: I am once for all cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ from my sin. Justification

Present sanctification: I am _____ cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ from all my sins. Short sin accounts. Affects fellowship

Sin: missing the mark. Falling short of God's divine standard ...hitting wrong mark. Disobedience to God's Word and will.

One who is walking in the light will _____ to stay in fellowship with God and others by keeping short sin accounts with God.

II. I don't have a sin nature. V.6

Heibert: Referring to *inner sinful nature as distinguished from the act of sin*.

Barker: *Whenever the principle of sin is denied as an ongoing reality, there follows a denial of _____ for individual actions."*

We deceive ourselves: leading ourselves astray hoodwinked.

Defenders commentary: ... *the claim that our sin-nature has been completely eradicated, so that we no longer commit sin – is self-deception. It is related to the _____ heresy of the time which claimed that the soul had been set free from one's sinful flesh.*

And the truth is not in us.

Barker: *When the principle of sin is denied, truth as an inner principle of life _____ exist.*

v. 9 Solution. **Confess**: _____ with or declare alike ... say same thing as God about our sin.